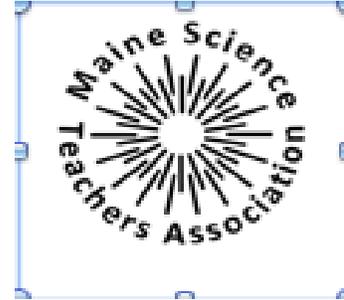


MSTA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Maine Science Teachers Association

Friday, 11 April 2014



Present: Doug Hodum, Shari Templeton, Mary Whitten, Pamela Thompson, Lynn Farrin, Andrea Freed, Jon Swan, by phone Laurette Darling. Guest Ron Maxwell (rmaxwell@rsu18.org)

1. Welcome
 - a. Welcome any new attendees (Ron Maxwell from China MS)
2. Good News...(share your good news) (10 minutes)
3. President's report (3 minutes)
 - a. Incorporating - Paperwork is all ready but we were informed that some language needed to be changed to meet the guidelines as a nonprofit. The document is on it's way back to the lawyers and we'll keep you posted.
 - b. Dinner during/after June meeting? - interested? We could make a decision in May about adding a dinner to our June meeting.
 - c. Collaboration with PBS and a webinar - Carolyn at PBS has approached MSTA askign if we'd like to participate/sponsor some webinars that showcase PBS's new learning platform (previously Teacher Domain). Doug has had conversations with her and she'll organize it and do the "heavy lifting." Time commitment for those interested in participating - phone conference for planning, couple of board members to co present (talk about MSTA's benefits as part of the webinar) - Pamela, Mary and Andrea are interested in this - Doug will follow up with interested parties.
 - d. STEM Summit - TEEAM is offering 2 \$500 grants to pay for teachers' time to develop collaborative unit (e.g. two STEM teachers + non STEM teachers, one would have to be a member of TEEAM/MSTA). Would MSTA be interested in collaborating on this effort? Thoughts were this was good idea and the board encouraged Doug to find out more - perhaps make it a requirement to present at the MSTA conference.
4. Secretary's Report

Lynn made a motion to accept the minutes. Mary seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Note: Amy T needs to be taken off our MSTA website as a board member.

5. Treasurer's Report

Doug spoke with Jonathan earlier today, the invoicing is a priority and will be done by Jonathan by the May meeting. As an FYI Shari reported she received an invoice for the conference breakfast.

Jon Swan suggested that the account field doesn't need to be there because items are all coming from the same one but recommended that the check number be added so that we could better track these. Laurette has a few additional expenses to turn in and will do so soon. Mary made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Andrea seconded. Motion passed.

e. Board discussion and decision on Cube/Here for on-site payments

Doug spoke to a vendor on NSTA about the cube and there was a little more to managing these on the "backside" of the transactions. The recommendation was to investigate a little more on the other side whether the cube or square is the best way to go. The board felt if the device is free it would be low risk to try it. The recommendation from the board was for Jonathan to request the paypal compatible triangle/square reader thingie to for swiping credit cards so that we may try it - it is free.

6. Committee requested board discussion time

f. Conference title based on NSTA attendees' ideas

Moving forward with NGSS

Science for All

Science Matters

Stepping Out w/NGSS

Putting Science and Engineering into Practice

Putting Science and Engineering

Constructing Understanding of Science & Engineering Practice

Building a Bridge to...

Practicing NGSS

Best Practices in Science & Engineering =

Lynn made a motion to accept the highlighted item as our 2014 Fall conference title. Pamela seconded. Motion passed.

g. Website show and tell (on hold)

h. Dine and Discuss (Outreach Committee)

- i. What will the content be?
- ii. When will they happen?
- iii. Where should they be?
- iv. Who should be the intended audiences?
- v. How do we choose locations?
- vi. Any other details and ideas

Shari brought up the concern about when/where - trying to be sensitive as to not overload teachers with webinars and NGSS this spring. The board discussed the overall issue of timing and suggested planning for these for next year - and weave some ideas together. Pamela suggested if we're not doing a dine and discuss we should put out a list of resources to help teachers in looking at different aspects of the NGSS/Frameworks. The suggestion was made to endorse Framework/NGSS b/c it's good for kids and support teachers in implementing the vision. Shari suggested focusing on things like terminology - e.g. bundling, - that tend to be used a little differently in each discipline.

The general consensus was to wait until after the conference to implement the dine and discuss programming. The conference will be used as a spring board for announcing these and garnering interest/following. Mary wondered if we might use our website to survey folks as to what they'd like to see support with in the D&D? Doug pointed out the strength of the last run of D&D was that we did the same thing but in different locations then we could follow up with recommendations from them on future D&D's. Maybe collect an exit ticket for this question at the conference? Could offer the D&D as a roll out at the conference? - two parts- repeat of last time / part to new piece - to generate interest in bringing the offering to different parts of the state - and gather feedback.

Committee meetings at Camp Fayette will allow for more time to pull this together!

i. Networking opportunities

Doug has reached out to ATOMIM and TEEAM and there is interest to collaborate - still need to work out logistics. Also we need to make a list / sell our member

benefits - what parts are members only and what parts are available to all. (e.g. eligibility for grants)

Science Matters - Doug attended at NSTA to see if he could get more information about what its goal was, what it does, what the state contact does, etc. Basically it's a way to disseminate information - Doug agreed to "stand in" as the Maine contact for now.

How do we get information out to people that are not part of the list serv or MSTA or NSTA? Many do not belong to any of these and don't intent to join.

7. MMSA/NSTA Update

MMSA is help coordinate Scratch Day - May 17

Be sure to check out the Resource Bank - at steminme.org

Diana Allen - nominated to STEM Council

Is there interest would they participate in/co-lead/lead virtual seminars on proficiency based education in science?

At STEM Summit, major calls for Maine adopting NGSS sooner

8. DOE Update

NGSS likely not up on the legislature's list until December 2014.

9. Additions to the Agenda

Motion to adjourn made by Mary, second by Pamela. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Farrin

MSTA SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS for 2013-2014

May 2 (4:15 pm for social time; 4:30 pm to start meeting, MMSA)

June 13 (second Friday, due to graduations, 4:15 pm for social time; 4:30 pm to start meeting, MMSA)

July 11 - retreat (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Camp Fayette)